

Federal Rate Review Grants Quarterly Report Summary: January 2012 to March 2012

Introduction

The State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) has received approximately \$4.7 million in federal grant funds--made possible by the Affordable Care Act--to support five goals connected with the office's review of health insurance premiums. These five goals are to: (1) expand the scope of current rate review activities, (2) enhance the rate review process through staffing, (3) improve consumer protection standards and communications in the rate review process, (4) institutionalize the rate review program, and (5) engage health insurance issuers in delivery system transformation. The purpose of this summary is to highlight a selection of OHIC's accomplishments from the past quarter in order to assist interested stakeholders in understanding the initiatives undertaken by OHIC that are supported by this funding.

Progress Toward Achieving Rate Review Goals: Select Accomplishments

In the most recent quarter, OHIC engaged in the following activities with significant accomplishments.

Activity	Accomplishment(s)	Goal(s) Supported
1. Evaluate hospital payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data reviewed, cleaned, and reconciled Data analysis begun 	1, 5
2. Align rate review process with Affordable Care Act changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearings held on legislation to align state insurance market rules and consumer protections with federal law 	5
3. Work with community organization to engage consumers in the rate review process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inaugural Health Insurance Small Employer Task Force meeting held focused on providing education concerning health care cost drivers 	3, 4
4. Redesign OHIC website to improve public access to rate filings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researched options for vendor selection to facilitate updates Conceptual planning for redesign begun 	3
5. Improve rate review process filing requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalized Rhode Island Annual Health Statement Supplement that will provide additional issuer data on enrollment, premiums, and medical expenses 	4

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